# **House of Representatives**



General Assembly

File No. 202

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House Bill No. 6199

House of Representatives, April 7, 2003

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. KERENSKY of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

# AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY DURING A SEMESTER AND COLLEGE COURSE FEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 10a-77 of the general statutes is amended by
- 2 adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2003*):
- 3 (NEW) (g) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a
- 4 member of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester
- 5 to enroll in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but
- 6 was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment
- 7 shall be offered to any qualifying student without additional tuition,
- 8 student fee or related charge.
- 9 Sec. 2. Section 10a-99 of the general statutes is amended by adding
- subsection (h) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

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(NEW) (h) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a member of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment shall be offered to any qualifying student without additional tuition, student fee or related charge.

Sec. 3. Section 10a-105 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

(NEW) (i) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a member of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment shall be offered to any qualifying student without additional tuition, student fee or related charge.

This act shall take effect as follows:		
Section 1	October 1, 2003	
Sec. 2	October 1, 2003	
Sec. 3	October 1, 2003	

**PS** Joint Favorable C/R HED

**HED** Joint Favorable

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

#### **OFA Fiscal Note**

### State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Constituent Units of Higher	Various - Revenue	Potential	Potential
Education	Loss		

## Municipal Impact: None

### Explanation

This bill results in a potential revenue loss to the constituent units of higher education as it would require them to allow a student who had previously attended school and had to withdraw due to being called to active duty in the armed forces to be reenrolled in any previously paid for classes at no additional cost. In some cases the constituent units would have already not required further payment. The actual potential revenue loss in unknown as the number of students this would affect is unknown.

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#### **OLR Bill Analysis**

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#### SUMMARY:

This bill requires the state's community-technical colleges, Connecticut State University System, and University of Connecticut to allow students called to active duty in the armed forces during any semester to reenroll in any course for which they paid tuition but did not complete because of their active duty status. The schools may not impose any additional tuition, student fee, or related charge on the affected students for the courses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

**Public Safety Committee** 

Joint Favorable Change of Reference Yea 20 Nay 0

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Report Yea 22 Nay 0